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PATENT

Applicant: Ioan Cosmescu

Docket No.: 30359.0417

Serial No.: 09/192,887

Examiner: D. Cho

Filing Date November 16, 1998

Art Unit: 3761

Title: AUTOMATIC FLUID CONTROL SYSTEM
FOR USE IN OPEN AND LAPAROSCOPIC
LASER SURGERY AND ELECTROSURGERY
AND METHOD THEREFOR

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In Response to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 22, 2000, the period of response for which is hereby extended by one month to January 22, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

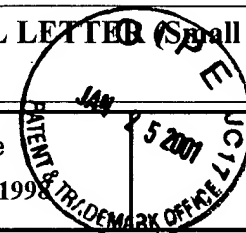

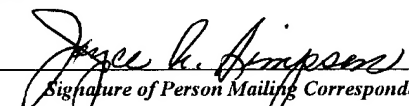
In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-21 without disclaimer or prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 50-75:

50. (NEW) ~~A manual fluid control system for surgical lasers and electrosurgery~~
apparatus, for both open and laparoscopic procedures, comprising, in combination:
at least one fluid irrigation container;

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)				Docket No. 30359.0417	
Applicant(s): Ioan Cosmescu					
Serial No. 09/192,887	Filing Date November 16, 1998		Examiner D. Cho	Group Art Unit 3761	
Invention: AUTOMATIC FLUID CONTROL SYSTEM FOR USE IN OPEN AND LAPAROSCOPIC LASER SURGERY AND ELECTROSURGERY AND METHOD THEREFOR					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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INDEP. CLAIMS	7 -	3 =	4 x	\$40.00	\$160.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$412.00
<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2814 in the amount of \$412.00 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2814 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. <input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.					
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